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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: H. OGAWA, et al
Serial No.: 10/706,913
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Group: 2186
Examiner: S. Elmore

AMENDMENT

MS Amendment

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

December 27, 2004

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated August 26, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

Amendments to the Specification

Amendments to the Claims

Remarks are included following the amendments.